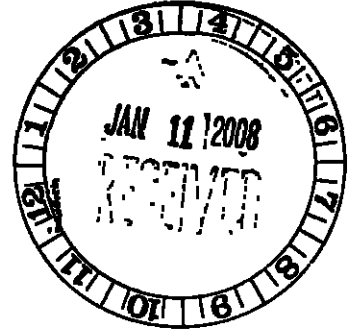


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**Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 446X) BNSF Railway Company—
Abandonment Exemption—in Beltrami County, MN**

On December 26, 2006, BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") filed a Notice of Exemption to abandon service of a 5.29-mile line of railroad between milepost 90.87 and milepost 95.15, including the 1.01-mile depot spur between milepost 94.78 and milepost 93.77, near Bemidji in Beltrami County, MN. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 56601.

By decision served January 12, 2007, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon effective February 14, 2007. Within that same decision, the STB stated that the abandonment was to be consummated as of January 12, 2008. This letter is to advise the Board that BNSF is consummating the abandonment of the subject line as of the date of this letter.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date-stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are attached for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely,

Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.

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